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AN ACT

To repeal section 208.145, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to medical assistance.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 208.145, RSMo, is repealed and one new section 2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 208.145, to read as follows:

208.145. 1. For the purposes of the application of section 208.151,

- 2 individuals shall be deemed to be recipients of aid to families with dependent
- 3 children and individuals shall be deemed eligible for [such assistance] the
- medical assistance authorized under section 208.151 if:
- 5 (1) The individual meets eligibility requirements which are no more
- 6 restrictive than the July 16, 1996, eligibility requirements for aid to families with
- 7 dependent children, as established by the **family support** division [of family
- 8 services]; or
- 9 (2) Each dependent child, and each relative with whom such a child is
- 10 living including the spouse of such relative as described in 42 U.S.C. 606(b), as
- 11 in effect on July 16, 1996, who ceases to meet the eligibility criteria set forth in
- 12 subdivision (1) of this [section] subsection as a result of the collection or
- 13 increased collection of child or spousal support under part IV-D of the Social
- 14 Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 651 et seq., and who has received such aid in at least
- 15 three of the six months immediately preceding the month in which ineligibility
- 16 begins, shall be deemed eligible for an additional four calendar months beginning
- 17 with the month in which such ineligibility begins.
- 18 2. For determinations of eligibility under subsection 1 of this

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19 section, less restrictive income methodologies as authorized in 42 U.S.C.

20 Section 1396u1(b)(2)(C), shall be used to disregard two-thirds of earned

income in place of the disregard of thirty dollars of earned income plus

22 one-third of remaining earned income. This disregard shall not be time

23 limited and shall be applied on all income eligibility tests except gross

24 income.

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